

Past Continuous and Past Simple

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- 1 Look at the picture. What were the Clark family doing at 5 p.m. yesterday? Complete the text with the Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.



Mr and Mrs Clark and their children ¹ were enjoying (enjoy) the warm summer weather. Mrs Clark ² _____ (relax). She ³ _____ (not cook). Mr Clark ⁴ _____ (feel) hot because he ⁵ _____ (stand) next to the barbecue. Olivia and Bruce ⁶ _____ (not swim). They ⁷ _____ (sit) next to the pool. The Clarks' dog, Spike, ⁸ _____ (sleep) and Winnie the cat ⁹ _____ (try) to eat a sausage.

- 2 Complete the dialogue with the Past Continuous forms of the verbs in the box.

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- Marge: Where were you and Mac this morning, Eva? I ¹ was looking for you, but you ² _____ your phones.
- Eva: Sorry, Marge! I ³ _____ some old books about Egyptian History at the library.
- Marge: Was Mac at the library too?
- Eva: No, he wasn't. He ⁴ _____ Pops in the garage, so he didn't hear the phone.
- Marge: What ⁵ _____ they _____ in there?
- Eva: They ⁶ _____ the car for our next adventure.
- Marge: How exciting! Where are you going?
- Eva: I can't tell you, Marge. It's a secret.

- 3 Complete the text with *when* or *while*.

¹ While Pops, Eva and Mac were cycling through the desert, they saw a tomb. They were trying to find a way into the tomb

² _____ Pops saw a small door.

They went inside. Pops and Mac were looking at the walls of the tomb ³ _____ Eva found Princess Zara's necklace. ⁴ _____ she was trying to put on the necklace, somebody touched her neck. Mac was standing near Eva ⁵ _____ she screamed. Then they saw Princess Zara! ⁶ _____ they were running out of the tomb, they dropped the necklace.



- 4 Circle the correct words.

- 1 While Pops wrote / was writing in his diary, he heard the front door open.
- 2 Pops went / was going downstairs when Eva shouted: 'Hello, Grandad! It's us!'
- 3 Mac and Eva were standing in the kitchen when Pops came / was coming in.
- 4 While Mac made / was making some sandwiches, Eva fed the dog.
- 5 Mac and Eva had / were having their tea when their mum came home from work.
- 6 While mum was talking to Pops, Eva gave / was giving her a sandwich and a cup of tea.

- * 5 Complete the text with the Past Simple or Past Continuous forms of the verbs in brackets.

George Blake and the Birds of Paradise

A hundred and fifty years ago, two explorers, George Blake and Stanley Wilson, ¹ were travelling (travel) through a forest. The sun ² _____ (shine) and it was very hot.

After some time they ³ _____ (stop) because they were tired. They ⁴ _____ (sleep) when George ⁵ _____ (hear) a strange sound. It was a beautiful bird, a bird of paradise! It ⁶ _____ (sing) and another bird ⁷ _____ (watch) it. George ⁸ _____ (draw) the birds when Stanley ⁹ _____ (wake up). 'What's that noise?' he shouted. The birds were scared and flew away. George wasn't happy!

